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Dear Sir

1853 We wrote you a few days since, stating the progress of our arrangements for lectures & our reliance on yourself for Thursday evening, October ~~2d~~ November next. This morning we learned from our freind Mrs. Ernst that she had written to you about the same time, advising you not to come, as calculated to interfere with the anti-Slavery bazaar. This contrariety of opinion was the result of a slight misunderstanding between Mrs Ernst & our committee on the subject, neither quite comprehending the intentions of the other. This morning, however, we had a meeting with Mrs. Ernst & others & after full consideration, the ladies have changed the time of the bazaar from Wednesday, Thursday & Friday to the preceeding Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. This obviates the conflict of dates & harmo=
=nizes the difference of views between our letter & that of our freind Mrs. E., between whom & ourselves there is not and has not been any essential difference of opinion. The arrange=
=ments for the lectures were made without knowing the time fixed for the bazaar & hence the same evening was selected for both. We have advertised your name in connection with the Course for a week past & the Public generally understand that you are coming. We write, fearing you may have been puzzled by the letter from Mrs. Ernst, written previous to our consultation and remain Your friends H.B. Blackwell, E. Harwood & Com.

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